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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/790,217  
Docket No.: P21-163407M/NY

Dear Examiner Mitchell:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 15, 2005, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Scott M. Tulino  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

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**Serial No.:** 10/790,217

**Group Art Unit:** 3677

**Filed:** March 2, 2004

**Examiner:** Katherine W. Mitchell

**For:** JOINTING MEMBER FOR FIXING PANEL MEMBERS BY ONE-TOUCH  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.